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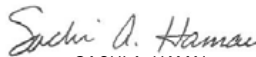
The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

20 January 15, 2013


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BOARD RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT AGREEMENTS FROM THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD FOR OCEAN MONITORING AND PUBLIC NOTIFICATION SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2012 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

SUBJECT

Request approval of a resolution to apply for and accept grant agreements from the State Water Resources Control Board to support the Department of Public Health's Environmental Health Ocean Monitoring Program for the period of July 1, 2012 through September 30, 2018.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Approve the attached Board Resolution, Exhibit I, delegating authority to the Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or his designee, to apply for and accept grants and grant amendments from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), at amounts determined by the SWRCB, for Ocean Water Quality Monitoring and Public Notification service for the period of July 1, 2012 through September 30, 2018; the awarded grants and amendments subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended action will allow DPH to apply for and accept funds from the SWRCB through September 30, 2018 to continue providing ocean water quality monitoring and public notification services, including but not limited to: testing and assessing the waters adjacent to all

public beaches within DPH's jurisdiction; investigating complaints of violations of any Public Health Standards; posting and closing beaches as needed for public safety; establishing and/or maintaining a telephone hotline and web-based forms of communication to inform the public of all public beaches currently closed, posted, or otherwise restricted; and submitting all location, collection agency, monitoring, and notification data for all monitored sites to the SWRCB.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action supports Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The SWRCB funding will support personnel, laboratory, and travel costs, decreasing the amount of net County cost currently utilized to support these services.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Health and Safety Code sections 115875 through 115915 and California Code of Regulations sections 7952 through 7962 require weekly testing and assessment of the waters adjacent to all public beaches within DPH's jurisdiction.

Every year between April 1 and October 31, DPH's Environmental Health Program conducts weekly testing for total coliform, fecal coliform, and enterococcus bacteria in the Los Angeles County coastal recreation waters from the Ventura County border to the City of Long Beach. Beaches failing to meet bacteriological standards will require public notification to include: 1) posting conspicuous warning signs at the beach to inform the public of the nature of the problem and health risk; 2) closing beaches that are impacted by sewage or other contaminant discharge; 3) reporting bacteria levels, warnings, and closures to the SWRCB through the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP); and 4) establishing a telephone hotline to inform the public of all beaches currently closed or posted with warning signs and updating the telephone hotline, as needed, to convey changes in public health risk.

All collection sites, monitoring, and public notification data is submitted to the SCCWRP. Ocean collection site data includes: 1) the name of the beach; 2) whether the beach is monitored; and 3) the latitudes and longitudes of the upper and lower limits of the beach.

Exhibit I has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Board approval of the recommended action will allow DPH to accept SWRCB funds to support the continuance of ocean water quality monitoring and public notification services and the collection of site, monitoring, and notification data.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathan E. Fielding". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Director and Health Officer

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisor

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
PUBLIC BEACH SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
STATE WATER BOARD GRANT AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board (hereafter State Water Board) has determined that the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health (hereafter DPH) is eligible to receive funds from the Waste Discharge Permit Fund and the Beaches Environmental Assessment and Contract Health Act Grant, pursuant to Water Code section 13260 and United States Code, Title 33, section 406 respectively, for Ocean Monitoring and Public Notification services, including but not limited to, testing and assessing the waters adjacent to all public beaches within DPH's jurisdiction; investigating complaints of violations of any Public Health Standard; posting and closing beaches as needed for public safety, establishing and/or maintaining a telephone hotline and web-based forms of communication to inform public of all public beaches currently closed, posted or otherwise restricted; and submitting all location, collection agency, monitoring, and notification data for all monitored sites to the State Water Board.

WHEREAS, the applicant demonstrates it has sufficient resources, technical expertise, and/or experience with similar projects to carry out the proposed programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors authorizes the submission of applications to the State Water Board for the period of 07/01/2012 through 09/30/2018 for funds to support DPH's Ocean Monitoring activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Deputy Director of DPH, or his/her designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute in the name of the County of Los Angeles, all necessary applications, agreements and amendments, to certify that DPH has complied and will comply with all applicable federal and state statutory and regulatory requirements related to any financial assistance funds received and to be received; and, the DPH Administrative Deputy, or his/her designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to sign financial documents, for the purpose of securing/obtaining State Water Board grant funds for the period 07/01/2012 through 09/30/2018, and to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the application(s).

The foregoing resolution was passed on 15th day of January, 2013 adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Sachi A. Hamai

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer
of the Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles

Cynthia A. Harding
Cynthia A. Harding, Chief Deputy Director
Department of Public Health



APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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COUNTY COUNSEL

By *Edo Ming* *For Grace Chang*
Deputy

ATTEST: SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By *Antal*, Deputy